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## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## **AN ACT**

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to public school beautification programs, subject to appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.645, to read as follows:

160.645. 1. Subject to appropriation, the department of elementary and secondary education shall create a "Public School Beautification Adoption Program" for the purpose 3 of allowing any interested person, community group, corporation or other entity to develop 4 and implement a plan to clean, beautify and otherwise assist in maintaining the exterior of a public school and such public school's grounds. The person, group or entity shall, in 5 order to be approved as the program sponsor for a particular public school, apply to and 6 obtain the approval of the school board of the district in which such public school is located. After school board approval, the approved sponsor shall forward the application to the department for review. Upon approval of the department, the person, group or entity may proceed with program implementation, and such person, group or entity shall 10 11 be the public school beautification adoption program sponsor of such public school until such time as the group stops performing its duties pursuant to its plan or until such time 12 13 as the school board revokes such group's sponsorship status.

2. There is hereby established in the state treasury the "Public School Beautification Adoption Program Fund", which shall consist of all moneys appropriated to such fund, all moneys required by law to be deposited in such fund, and all donations, bequests or other gifts made to such fund. The fund shall be administered by the department. All interest and moneys earned on the fund shall be credited to the fund.

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Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, moneys in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not be transferred to the credit of general revenue. The department shall choose ten programs annually from among all of the public schools with approved programs pursuant to subsection 1 of this section, beginning with the 2001-2002 school year, to receive beautification grants from the fund, to be distributed equally to each grantee public school, subject to appropriation, of up to ten thousand dollars for each such school. The department shall give grants to those public schools where the programs have been the most effective over the course of the prior school year, as

3. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to this section shall take effect unless such rule has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo.

determined by criteria developed by the department for grant selection and application.